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BOUGHT POSTMASTERSHIP?

J. C. McElhaney Says He Paid \$50 for Fort Mill Office.

"There wasn't anything surprising to me in the newspaper stories sent out from Washington a few days ago telling that Senator Dial was opposing the confirmation of Joe W. Tolbert as marshal for the western district of South Carolina on the ground that the Republican organization in this State, of which Tolbert is chairman, had assessed postmasters and other federal office-holders who have been appointed through the organization's influence since Harding became president," a day or two ago said J. C. McElhaney, who was postmaster of Fort Mill from July 1, 1921, to August 15 of the same year.

"I secured the postmastership of Fort Mill through the influence of the Republican organization," continued Mr. McElhaney, "and paid \$50 for its assistance. The money was sent by me to one of the Republican bosses in the State who has since been appointed to and is now holding an important federal office. I had a conversation with this man before I was given the postmastership in which he asked me if I would pay \$50 for the job. I told him I would. He then directed me how to send him the \$50—not by post-office money order or by bank check, but to purchase an express money order for the amount and to forward it to him in that way. This I did, and if the records of the express office in Fort Mill do not show that on April 1, 1921, I sent this man \$50 it will be because the records are not there or have been destroyed.

"Here is the receipt I was given at the express office when I bought the money order," said Mr. McElhaney as he handed to The Times man a small slip of blue paper bearing the number A-6006060. Beneath this number was printed the wording "American Express Company Money Order. Remitter's Receipt; Keep This." The receipt is now in possession of The Times and on it is written in ink the name of a well known South Carolina Republican politician as the person to whom the money order is said to have been sent.

Missionary Union Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary union of the York Baptist association met yesterday and again today with the Fort Mill Baptist church. A good representation from the various unions in the association and affiliated young people's societies is present. Mrs. J. T. Garrison is president of the union and Miss Mozelle Thomasson is secretary. Among the speakers from a distance are Mrs. George E. Davis of Orangeburg, superintendent of the South Carolina Y. W. A., and Mrs. Maude McClure, president of the Woman's Training school, Louisville, Ky.

Wm. O. Clawson Dead.

Wm. O. Clawson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clawson, died at the home of his parents in Fort Mill on August 19. He had been ill for some time. He was 35 years old and had spent practically all his life in this community. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother and three sisters. The interment was in the Fort Mill city cemetery.

Stewart Elected Senator.

In the race for the senatorship in Lancaster county, Dr. T. J. Strait, former congressman, was decisively beaten in the Democratic primary Tuesday by Roach S. Stewart. In the same primary W. P. Robinson and E. J. Horton were nominated for the house of representatives.

In the election Tuesday Blease got 76,298 votes to 65,490 for McLeod, 23,048 for Laney, 8,745 for Coleman, 1,795 for Duncan and 1,338 for Cantey in the race for governor. Blease and McLeod will enter the second primary on September 12.

The comptroller general today ordered the time for the payment of State and county taxes extended until September 15 without penalty.

TODAY'S CRIME WAVE.

Writer Claims Bar is Not Efficient or Honest.

The United States is today being swamped by the greatest crime wave in its history, says a writer in the Dearborn Independent. Contempt for law by a portion of our population is only equaled by the indifference of the remainder. The average citizen pursues the daily record to exclaim: "It is terrible. Something ought to be done about it." But he himself does nothing. Occasionally in some Southern or Western States citizens take the law into their own hands and organizations such as the Ku Klux Klan spring up.

Crime and criminals we have always had. There are men and women whose diseased minds cause them to prey upon society. But criminals in the past to a large extent were isolated; their crimes were sporadic. Today there is an interwoven fabric of crime covering the continent. Crime has become a business. Crime has taken a leaf from the book of big business.

Crime, which itself is defined as any violation of human or divine law, can be roughly divided into crimes against property and crimes against man. These can be subdivided into crimes of guile and crimes of violence. Crimes of guile are compassed through trickery; crimes of violence by the application of force. The first almost invariably leads to the second. A brainy crook will seldom resort to violence, but for the crook of low mentality it is the only resource. The success of master crooks inspires the lower criminals to emulation in the only manner of which they are capable.

The center of crime is today, as it has always been, in the large cities. In these congested centers of population, where no one knows his neighbor's business, the criminal can work to better advantage than in the country or smaller towns where all eyes are focused upon him. In the cities criminals of all degrees have gravitated into the very citadels of the officers whom society has chosen to defend it. It is this discovery by criminals of the value of organization together with the laxity and indifference of the general public that causes the crime wave of today to be of such potential menace to the nation.

From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Seattle, New Orleans, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, Kansas City and many other cities these rings of arch criminals radiate out to the surrounding country. Here we have rings of automobile thieves, bank robbers, bootleggers, white slavers, dope peddlers, bunco men, blackmailers and even murderers.

These rings, through liberal use of money and political influence, have corrupted members of the State, county and city police forces; have purchased the bar and often reached the bench itself, until honest officials who really wish the law enforced find themselves helpless, their hands virtually tied. Thus the public is left defenseless, at the mercy of the enemies of society. The press, which should sound the alarm and awaken the lethargic public to its danger, usually extends its energies to exploiting the results but ignoring the basic cause.

There is a remedy for this menacing state of affairs. It is an obvious remedy, and a simple one. If the members of the legal profession, if 50 per cent only of the members of the bar, would forget their private interests and devote themselves unreservedly to the public welfare, the crime wave could be wiped out in six months and future crime reduced to a minimum.

The truth is that the bar, upon which the public depends for the proper administration of justice and protection from those who flout the law, is no longer either efficient or honest. Graft, mental and moral corruption, the greed for money and notoriety, the "let George do it" spirit have

NEWS OF YORK COUNTY.

Items of General Interest Found in the Yorkville Enquirer.

Charged with killing her husband, Harper Williams, in Rock Hill Thursday night, Alma Williams was committed to jail on Friday. She has confessed the killing, according to Sheriff Quinn.

Miss Rachel Wylie, a teacher in the Yorkville graded school, returned Monday from a tour of Europe. She arrived in New York last Saturday on the steamer LaFrance. Other York county members of the party included Misses Helen Elliott O'Neal, Aletha Fennell, Mary O'Neal and Kate Whitner of Rock Hill.

The first bale of new crop cotton offered on the Rock Hill market was sold in that city Saturday, Aug. 26, by Horace Brown, well known farmer living near Rock Hill. The cotton, which graded strict middling tinged, was bought by T. L. Johnson for 23 cents a pound. The bale weighed 495 pounds.

Ira B. Dunlap, deceased president of the National Union bank of Rock Hill, carried the largest amount of insurance of any South Carolinian who died last year, according to the Insurance Field, a national insurance magazine published in New York. The life of the late Mr. Dunlap was insured for \$33,000.

Deed to the property on which Tirzah church is located as conveyed by John Carrel to the members of the congregation was filed for record in the office of the clerk of court Monday. The deed is 99 years old and the parchment on which it is written is yellow with age, while part of the writing is lost because of holes that have appeared in the paper through folding.

So far there have been no eligible applicants for the two four-year scholarships to which York county is entitled at Clemson, those who took the examination having failed to pass. The one-year scholarship has been awarded to Wm. H. Grier of Fort Mill and the agricultural scholarship to B. R. Smith of York No. 1. The Citadel scholarship goes to Thos. G. McFarland of York No. 3.

The congregation of the First Baptist church of Rock Hill has extended a call to Dr. Walter L. Alexander, now pastor of the Mentura Baptist church of Philadelphia, to become pastor of the Rock Hill church. The congregation is hoping that Dr. Alexander will accept the call, as the Rock Hill church has been without a pastor since the resignation of Dr. J. P. Tucker several months ago.

Governor Harvey has revoked the parole granted some time ago to Andrew (Buck) Adams, Rock Hill, who was convicted of grand larceny in July, 1920, and sentenced to serve two years on the roads. Adams was paroled by former Governor R. A. Cooper. Adams, who is an ex-soldier and the son of a former superintendent of the Carhart mill at Rock Hill, is said to have recently been convicted of a crime in Chester county.

While traveling into Hickory Grove Thursday with an automobile truck carrying six cows, Porter B. Good of the Bullock's Creek section was only slightly bruised when the truck rolled off a fill and turned over twice. Five of the six cows, it is said, were thrown out of the truck, while the sixth cow remained in the truck despite the fact that it turned over twice. One of the cows suffered a broken horn and it was deemed best to kill her. Two other persons who were with Mr. Good at the time of the accident were only slightly bruised and the truck suffered only slight damage.

Yes, Johnnie, fishermen may refer to their profits as net earnings.

Some people are so simple that they look for a square deal in a political ring.

brought it to a point where, instead of acting as a crime deterrent, it functions largely as a crime inciter.

VOTE OF FORT MILL.

Choice Expressed for State and County Officer.

The vote of Fort Mill township in the Democratic primary Tuesday was off almost exactly one-fourth from the total enrollment, there being only 368 votes cast out of a possible 470, with something like 40 ballots going into the discard as a result of having been placed in the wrong box. One of the candidates for the house of representatives suffered a considerable loss by reason of his name being the only one left on the ballots for the office.

For two or three hours after the polls opened at 8 a. m. it looked as if the managers of the election would have their hands full throughout the day, but the bulk of the vote had been cast before 1 o'clock. A number of automobiles were busy during the morning scurrying around to bring in voters, but these found little to do in the afternoon. The result of the vote in Fort Mill for the county and State tickets follows:

Congress—Stevenson 341.
House of Representatives—Beauregard 192, Bolin 75, Bradford 257, Carothers 120, Kennedy 75, Pursley 150, Spratt 262, Talley 106.

Treasurer—Douglas 30, Guy 34, Hart 68, Logan 40, Mrs. Quinn 47, Sheider 28, Thomasson 25, Williams 11, Willis 41.

Auditor—Love 341.

Superintendent of Education—Carroll 252, Slaughter 74.

Supervisor—Boyd 128, Brown 78, Gordon 54, Latham 68.

Judge of Probate—Cain 44, Gwinn 48, Houston 172, Smith 61.

County Commissioners—Lumpkin 216, Kirkpatrick 178, Merritt 189, Shillinglaw 60.

Governor—Blease 211, Cantey 3, Coleman 7, Duncan 3, Laney 41, McLeod 66.

Lieutenant Governor—Adams 89, Jackson 108, Owens 84.

Secretary of State—Dove 120, Dozier 216.

Attorney General—Eubanks 113, Winter 37, Wolfe 177.

Comptroller General—Duncan 269, Gooding 65.

State Treasurer—Carter 336.

Superintendent of Education—Mrs. Drake 65, Hope 67, Seay 15, Seigler 8, Swearingen 38, Mrs. Wallace 98.

Adjutant General—Craig 100, Marshall 228.

Commissioner of Agriculture—Harris 166, Wightman 154.

Vote of York County.

In the York county Democratic primary held Tuesday a total of 5,076 votes were cast, divided as follows among the various candidates:

Congress—Stevenson 4,906.

House of Representatives—Beauregard 3,260, Bolin 1,184, Bradford 3,017, Carothers 2,394, Kennedy 2,039, Pursley 2,353, Spratt 2,706, Talley 1,537.

Treasurer—Douglas 627, Guy 436, Hart 706, Logan 328, Mrs. Quinn 1,061, Sheider 349, Thomasson 849, Williams 266, Willis 174.

Auditor—Love 4,768.

Superintendent of Education—Carroll 2,950, Slaughter 1,909.

Supervisor—Boyd 1,401, Brown 1,868, Gordon 869, Latham 742.

Judge of Probate—Cain 1,000, Gwinn 542, Houston 1,823, Smith 1,449.

County Commissioners—Lumpkin 3,016, Kirkpatrick 2,972, Merritt 1,679, Shillinglaw 1,374.

Beauregard, Bradford and Spratt are elected to the house, with a second race between Carothers and Pursley necessary to select the fourth member of the delegation. The run-off for treasurer will be between Mrs. Quinn and Thomasson. Carrel was chosen to succeed himself as county treasurer by a big majority. The race for county supervisor will be between Boyd and Brown. The result of Tuesday's vote calls for a run-off between Houston and Smith for judge of probate, and in the race for county commissioners Lumpkin and Kirkpatrick were chosen to succeed themselves.

The county voted as follows for the candidates for State office:

Governor—Blease 2,671, Can-

POWER OF THE PRESS.

Senator Sheppard Says Congress Has Three Houses.

Calling attention to the power of the press in a speech he delivered in the senate of the United States a few days ago, Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas duplicated the compliment paid newspaper men nearly a century ago in England. The original compliment, in which the term "Fourth Estate" was coined, was made by Edmund Burke in the house of Parliament, according to Thomas Carlyle. Burke is said to have pointed to the press gallery of the most august assembly of Englishmen in the world, and declared in perivivid terms, "There sits a body of men who form the fourth estate of this kingdom, equally as powerful as the other three." He referred to the nobles, the clergy and the commons as the three other estates.

Senator Sheppard's remarks as reported in a news dispatch follow:

"The newspaper men who occupy seats in the press gallery of the American Congress are in effect a third house, a factor in American life of far reaching influence. The reports which they transmit to the American people are in large degree the foundation of public judgment and public action.

"Their estimates become to no small extent the people's estimates, not in the way of mere echo or imitation, but because they convey to the country a conscientious and impartial analysis of governmental affairs. Years of contact with officials of every type of observation of human conduct in emergencies of every proportion, of devotion to the highest conceptions of their profession, have qualified them for the unmasking of pretense, the penetration of fraud, the revelation of truth for the sake of truth, and the maintenance of loyalty to the fact which no blandishment can shape, on temptation destroy."

York Men Killed in Georgia.

D. P. Lattimore of Hickory Grove, York county, was notified Monday morning that two of his sons, Bratcher Lattimore, 28, and Dan Lattimore, 26, were shot and killed in Camak, Ga., by a railroad guard Sunday night.

It seems that the two young men were going to the station to meet a third party to arrange a hunting trip when a railroad guard, who evidently mistook them for intruders, shot them down, one in the back and the other in the head. The man who is believed to have done the shooting is under arrest.

Dan Lattimore had been in Camak for several years, being in the employ of a power company. His brother, Bratcher Lattimore, was visiting him. Both were veterans of the World war and were well known throughout western York.

The young men were cousins of J. M. Gamble of Fort Mill township.

Parks Elected Magistrate.

In the race for magistrate of Fort Mill township in the Democratic primary held Tuesday, E. S. Parks was nominated over the incumbent, J. R. Haile, by a vote of 224 to 134. In the primary two years ago Mr. Haile defeated Mr. Parks, who was then a candidate for renomination, by one vote.

Tej 26, Coleman 139, Duncan 38, Laney 540, McLeod 1,482.

Lieutenant Governor—Adams 1,658, Jackson 1,185, Owens 2,174.

Secretary of State—Dove 1,715, Dozier 3,201.

Adjutant General—Eubanks 1,209, Winter 1,037, Wolfe 2,540.

Comptroller General—Duncan 3,074, Gooding 1,761.

Treasurer—Carter 4,736.

Superintendent of Education—Mrs. Drake 1,614, Hope 2,775, Seay 152, Seigler 92, Swearingen 846, Mrs. Wallace 578.

Adjutant General—Craig 2,021, Marshall 2,843.

Commissioner of Agriculture—Harris 2,957, Wightman 1,855.

SEEKING HIGH OFFICE.

Nine Women Selected to Run for Seats in Congress.

In the 24 States that have thus far nominated candidates for the Congress of the United States, nine women have been selected by the major parties, one for the senate and eight for the house.

Mrs. Peter Olesen, who was put up by the Democrats of Minnesota for the senate, continues as the only woman in the United States to be nominated by one of the larger parties for the upper body of Congress. Miss Belle Kearney, who sought the Democratic nomination for the senate in the Mississippi primary last week, did not make much of a showing, although her several thousand supporters will hold the balance of power in the run-off between the male candidates.

In Wisconsin, Mrs. Ben Hopper holds the unofficial Democratic endorsement for the senate and her friends confidently predict her nomination in September. Miss Alice Robinson of Oklahoma, the only woman member of the house at present and the second woman ever to hold membership in that body, has been renominated by the Republicans of her district.

In the event of Miss Robinson's reelection, she may have a woman companion in the next Congress in the person of Mrs. Winifred Mason Hueck of Illinois, who has been nominated by the Republicans of that State as Congressman-at-large, to succeed her father, the late Wm. E. Mason.

Another woman candidate with good chances of election is Mrs. Louella St. Clair Moss who has been nominated by the Democrats of the 8th Missouri district. Other women candidates for the house are Kathleen O'Keefe, Democrat, 13th Indiana district; Mrs. Lillian Cox Gault, Democrat, 3rd Minnesota; Ellen Duane Davis and Jane E. Leonard, both Democrats, 2nd and 27th Pennsylvania districts, respectively, and Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Republican, 5th North Carolina district.

Many Anderson Cars Sold.

Evidence that business is improving throughout the country was demonstrated at a convention of dealers of the Anderson Motor company at the factory in Rock Hill last Friday evening when dealers contracted for practically the entire output of the factory for a year. In ten minutes after the new model Anderson light aluminum six was shown contracts had been signed for 4,225 cars of this model alone. With dealers from the Pacific coast delayed, and with a capacity of 5,500 cars annually, an increase in the plant is contemplated to meet the demand.

Of new cars, New York contracted for 800 cars, Chicago 400 and a number of big cities 225 each. Dealers from all over the country are reported enthusiastic over the fact that the first Southern made automobile is fast gaining in popularity.

Nebraska to Burn Corn.

Farmers in Nebraska are not worrying about the strike of coal miners. They are planning to load their old "barrel" stoves with corn, keep warm and save money. Burning corn has been successfully tried before, but it appears that this winter will see the first wholesale use of the new kind of fuel.

Corn as fuel is cheaper than coal, the farmers say. Coal sells at about \$15 a ton, while corn brings about 50 cents a bushel. It is cheaper for the farmer to burn his corn than to haul it to the railroad, sell it and then haul coal back to his farm. Besides, the coal supply will be uncertain this winter.

Seven million, five hundred thousand acres in Nebraska are at work producing the State's fuel for the winter. The weather conditions out there have been ideal for the last few weeks for corn growing and a bumper crop is expected.

The tariff duty on hides will show the ultimate consumer where the shoe pinches.